

Case 8308

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
Paul J. Rennie et al. :
Serial No.: 09/692,634 :
Confirmation No.: 8314 : Group Art Unit: 1617
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Title: Compositions for Prevention and Treatment of
Cold and Influenza-Like Symptoms and Their
Methods of Use :

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the June 25, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified case, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 20-30 remain in the application. No additional claims fee is due.

Invention Synopsis

The present invention is directed to respiratory tract compositions, particularly nasal compositions, which provide for the prevention and treatment of cold and influenza viruses, wherein the claimed compositions comprise a combination of pyroglutamic acid and a specifically defined organic acid for the treatment of cold and influenza viruses.

It has been found that nasal compositions containing a combination of pyroglutamic acid and an organic acid having a pKa value of from about 3.0 to about 5.0 can provide a surface pH of the nasal cavity tissue to create a nasal environment that is hostile to cold and influenza-like viruses. Nasal cavities having a pH in the range of from about 3.5 to about 5.5, which is provided by the compositions of the present invention, have been found to deter viruses which can lead to respiratory tract viral infections that can result in cold and influenza like symptoms.